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High Heat
Decontamination
CO₂ Incubators

The SHEL LAB High Heat Decontamination CO₂ Incubator

Installation & Operation Manual





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BEFORE YOU USE THE UNIT, read this entire manual carefully to understand how to install, operate, and maintain the unit in a safe manner. Your satisfaction with the unit will be maximized as you read about its safety and operational features.

THANK YOU for choosing a SHEL LAB C02 Incubator. These units are not intended for use at hazardous or household locations.

Keep this manual on-hand so it can be used by all operators of the unit. Be sure all operators of the unit are given appropriate training before you put the unit in service.

Note: Use the unit only in the way described in this manual. Failure to follow the guidelines and instructions in this manual may be dangerous and illegal.

Important Safety Information

Your CO2 Incubator and its recommended accessories have been designed and tested to meet strict safety requirements.

For continued safe operation of your C02 Incubator, always follow basic safety precautions including:

- Read this entire manual before using the C02 Incubator.
- Be sure you follow any city, county, or other ordinances in your area regarding the use of this unit.
- Use only approved accessories. Do not modify system components. Any alterations or modifications to your CO2 Incubator may be dangerous and will void your warranty.
- Always plug the unit's power cord into a grounded electrical outlet that conforms to national and local electrical codes. If the unit is not grounded, parts such as knobs and controls may conduct electricity and cause serious injury.
- Do not connect the unit to a power source of any other voltage or frequency beyond the range stated on the power rating overlay or data plate on the inside of the door (see next page). Do not modify the power cord provided with the unit. If the plug does not fit an outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician.
- Avoid damaging the power cord. Do not bend it excessively, step on it, place heavy objects on it. A damaged cord can easily become a shock or fire hazard. Never use a power cord after it has become damaged.
- Do not stack units without use of a stacking rack.



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Welcome! Thank You for Purchasing a SHEL LAB CO₂ Incubator

This Page is an Overview of the Features Built Into Your New CO₂ Incubator.



Side Access Port with Copper Filter

- Over Temperature Limit Control
- Over Temperature Activated Light
- Alarm Contacts Relay
- CO₂ Sample Port
- USB Port
- Power Switch
- Decontamination Cycle Control & Display
- Stainless Steel Shelving
- Stainless Steel Humidity Pan with Anti-microbial Copper Token



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Receiving Your SHEL LAB Unit

All units are packaged with high-quality shipping materials to provide protection from transportation related damage.

However, once a unit leaves the factory safe delivery is the responsibility of the carrier who is liable for loss or damage to your unit. Damage sustained during transit is not covered under your unit warranty.

Carefully inspect the shipping carton for damage. If the carton is damaged, report the damage to the carrier service that delivered the unit.

If the carton is not damaged, open the carton and remove its contents.

Inspection Guidelines

When you receive your unit, inspect it for concealed loss or damage to its interior and exterior. Should you find any damage to the unit, follow the carrier's procedure for claiming damage or loss.

Verify that all of the following equipment is included in the crate using the: See Ship Kit Details Next Page (Page 6)

Save the shipping carton until you are sure everything is in order.

Returning Shipment

If you must return the unit for any reason, first contact your service representative for authorization. You will be asked to provide the data plate information.

Recording Data Plate Information

Once you have determined the unit is free from damage, locate the data plate inside the door of the unit. The data plate indicates your unit's model number and serial number. Record this information for future reference.

Login to www.shellab.com and complete the warranty registration or return the Warranty Registration Card part #8660505.



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Ship Kit Items

Verify all items listed on this page are received while unpacking your unit.



5121109



5170646



5121028



2700506



995-00015



9710500



1800510 110V



1800500 220V

Accessory Items

Option items to purchase for your unit.



2002-S



7150509



3350000



9000575



9000574



9750582

5820504 (shelf)

5820505 (slide)

Part Number	Description	Quantity
5121109	Stainless Steel Shelving	3
5170646	Stainless Steel Shelf Standards	4
5121028	Stainless Steel Shelf Slides	6
2700506	Leveling Feet	4
995-00015	Stainless Steel Humidity Pan w/Anti-microbial Copper Token (5800529)	1
9710500	CO2 Tubing Kit: Includes Black Tubing, Clear Tubing, & CO2 Disc HEPA Filters (Shown Above 100199)	1
1800510 (110V) 1800500 (220V)	Power Cords	1
Manual	4861611	1
Warranty Card	8660505	1

Part Number	Description	Quantity
2002-S	Tank Switcher	1
7150509	Regulator	1
3350000	Fyrite Kit	1
9000575	Stacking Stand	1
9000574	Caster Platform	1
9750582	Copper Shelf Assembly (5820504 3 Shelves) (5820505 6 Slides)	1

To be sure that your accessories kit is complete, check inside packaging materials for loose items and always keep them with the unit.

Graphic Symbols Glossary



Indicates that you should consult your operator's manual for further instructions.
Indique que l'opérateur doit consulter le manuel d'utilisation pour y trouver les instructions complémentaires.



Indicates "Temperature"
Repère "température"



Indicates "Overtemperature Limit"
Signale un "dépassement de température"



Indicates "Degrees Celsius"
Indique les "Degrés Centigrades"



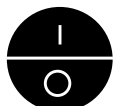
Indicates "Carbon Dioxide"
Indique le "Dioxyde de Carbone"



Indicates "Gas" (Carbon Dioxide for the unit)
Indique le "gaz" (CO2 pour cet appareil).



Indicates "AC Power"
Repère "secteur AC"



Indicates "ON / I" and "OFF / O"
Indique "MARCHEI" et "ARRET O"



Indicates "Protective Earthground"
Repère de la "terre de protection"



Indicates "Potential Shock Hazard" behind partition
Signale un "risque potentiel d'électrocution" au-delà de la cloison.



Indicates "Unit should be recycled" (Not disposed of in land-fill)
Indique "l'appareil doit être recyclé" (Ne pas jeter dans une décharge)



Indicates "Warning: Hot Surface"
Signale un "Avertissement: Surface chaude"



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NOTE: The recommended operating environment for this equipment is 5 - 30°C with a Relative Humidity of less than 80%. Supply voltage should not vary more than $\pm 10\%$ from the data plate rating. *Contact customer service for operating conditions outside of these limits.*

Power Source

The unit power requirements are listed on the data plate. Check the data plate for voltage, cycle, and ampere requirements. Plug the power cord into a PROPERLY GROUNDED (earthed) Power source OF THE CORRECT SIZE AND STYLE INDICATED ON THE UNIT NAMEPLATE RATING. A separate circuit is recommended for this unit to prevent loss of product due to overloading or circuit failures caused by other equipment. The supply voltage must match the nameplate voltage within $\pm 10\%$.

Location

In selecting a location, consider all conditions that might affect performance, such as heat from radiators, ovens, autoclaves, etc. Avoid direct sun, fast-moving air currents, heating and cooling ducts, and high traffic areas. Allow a minimum of 2 1/2" (10 cm) between the unit and any walls or partitions that might obstruct free airflow and to promote easy access to the power cord and source. Under normal circumstances this unit is intended for use indoors.

Lifting and Handling



CAUTION: Use appropriate lifting devices that are sufficiently rated for these loads. Failure to do so could result in minor or moderate injury.

AVERTISSEMENT: Utilisez des dispositifs de levage de charge nominale suffisante pour ces poids. Le non respect de cette consigne pourrait provoquer des blessures légères ou modérées

Units should only be lifted from their bottom surfaces. Handles and knobs are not adequate for lifting or stabilization. The unit should be completely restrained from tipping during lifting or transport. All moving parts such as trays or covers should be removed during transfer to prevent shifting and damage.

Leveling

The unit must sit level and solidly. Leveling feet (#2700506) are supplied and must be installed in the four holes in the bottom corners of the unit. With the feet installed and the unit standing upright, each foot can be raised by turning it in a counterclockwise direction. Adjust the foot at each corner until the unit stands level and solid without rocking. If the unit must be moved, turn the all four (4) leveling feet clockwise until snug to avoid damaging the bottom of the incubator while sliding. Use of Caster Platform (#9000574) will aide in moving the unit. The leveling feet will not need to be adjusted if using the caster platform for moving.

Cleaning

Appropriate lab practice includes cleaning and disinfecting the unit prior to use. Your operating conditions and documented lab protocol will determine the correct procedure for cleaning. A typical cleaning procedure is described below and will help reduce the likelihood of contamination and the necessity of decontamination. Clean the unit regularly. Depending on usage and protocol, this may be monthly or quarterly.

Cleaning the unit does not qualify the unit as decontaminated. Decontamination Cycle Operation is detailed in Section 10.

NOTICE: Follow these precautions regardless of cleaning procedure. Failure to do so may cause property damage and void your warranty.

- Always disconnect the unit from the electrical service when cleaning.
- Assure all volatile or flammable cleaners are evaporated and dry before reconnecting the unit to the power supply.
- Special care should be taken when cleaning around sensing heads to prevent damage.
- Do not use chlorine-based bleaches or abrasive cleaners. These will modify the stainless steel interior finish.
- Do not use hard tools such as metal wire brushes or steel wool. Use non-abrasive cleaners and soft tools such as plastic brushes.

Typical CO₂ Incubator Cleaning Procedure

1. Remove the humidity pan every week, wash with soap and water, and then disinfect with 70% alcohol solution. Replace in the incubator with fresh, DISTILLED water.
2. Flush the sample port tubing with 70% alcohol solution. Replace any lines that have a green color.
3. Remove all shelves, shelf supports, shelf standards and shields. Wash and disinfect as described in item 1. For initial set up, clean and disinfect shelving parts prior to installation. Refer to page 10 for detailed shelving installation.
4. Wash and disinfect all interior surfaces.
5. Give special attention to cleaning and disinfecting all access ports, air bleeds, shaft holes, electrical pass-through and any other passages into the chamber.
6. Replace all air and CO₂ filters every six months or when noticeably dirty on the upstream side. CO₂ filters are located in the shadow box just behind the GAS IN fitting and in line with the CO₂ tubing kit.

Installation Tips for Minimizing CO₂ Incubator Contamination

- Keep the outside of the incubator, including the air in the laboratory, as clean as possible.
- Do not place incubators near doors, air vents or other areas of high air movement or traffic.
- The floor around the CO₂ Incubator should be kept as clean as possible.
- Units that are placed on the floor should be on a caster platform (#9900574) to make moving the unit easier during cleaning and when accessing the back of the unit.
- Minimize the number of times access is made to the chamber during normal operation.
- Do not depend on the use of antibiotics to maintain uncontaminated conditions, as this is an inadequate technique for decontamination.
- Use aseptic techniques as described above for maintaining decontaminated conditions in the incubator

Installing Shelving and Humidity Pan

Completely remove protective vinyl coating from shelving apparatus and disinfect prior to installation.

SHELVING



1
Install Shelf Standards (#5170646) by aligning the keyhole with the peg on the

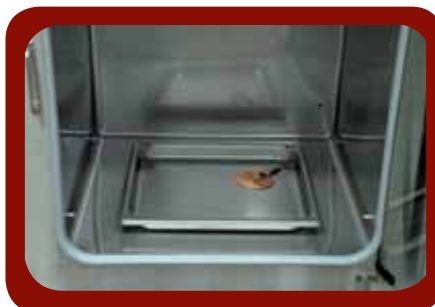


2
Install Shelf Slide (#5121028) by aligning with Shelf Standards (#5170646) at a slight upward angle and set into a level position.



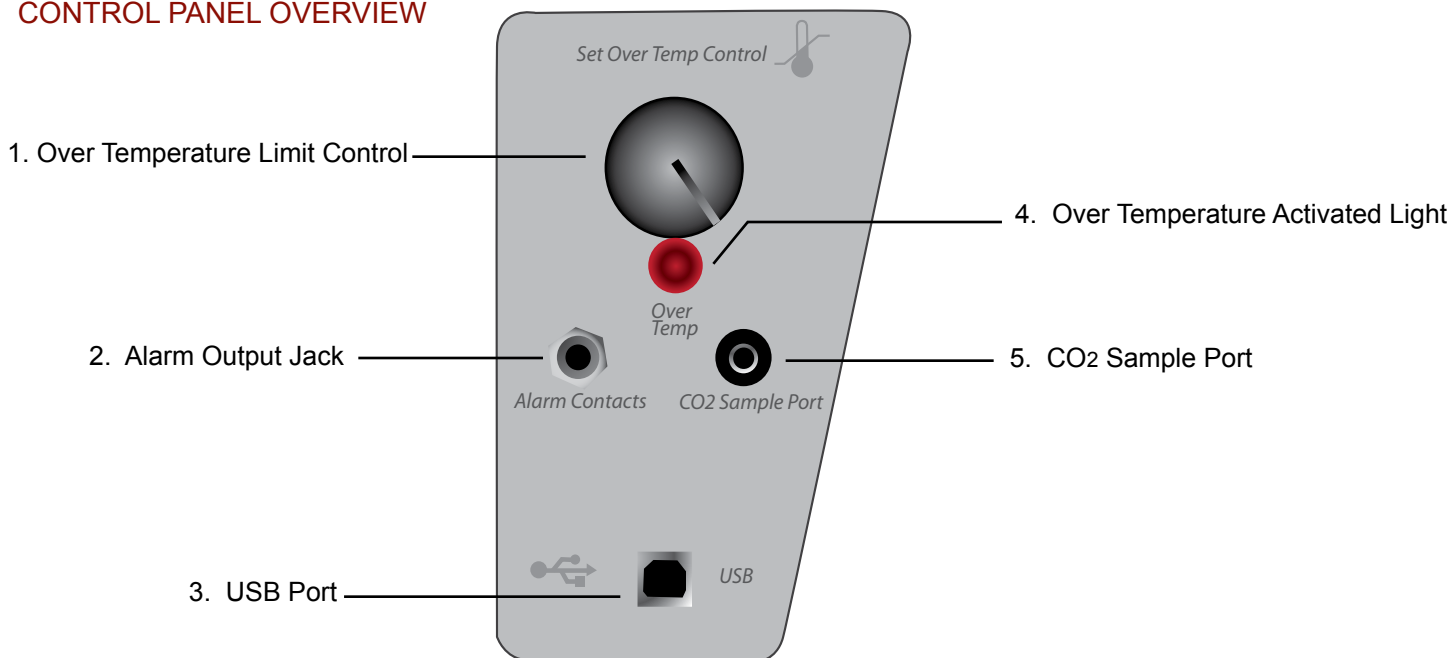
3
Slide Shelves (#5121109) into position with bent ends facing up.

HUMIDITY



Install Humidity Pan (#995-00015) by placing directly on the chamber floor.

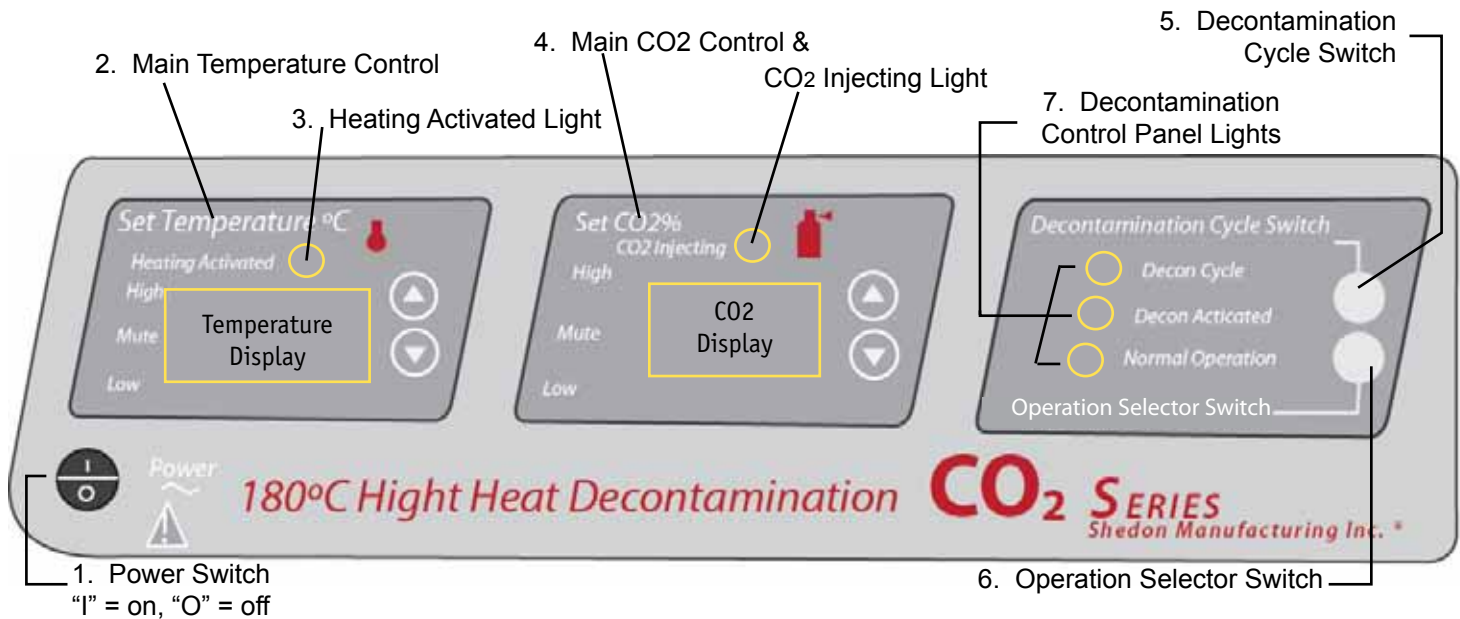
CONTROL PANEL OVERVIEW



FRONT CONTROL PANEL FEATURE DESCRIPTIONS

Controls are located on the front panel. Units with a detachable cord have a fused inlet located at the top rear of the incubator. This inlet has a recessed male plug, fuse and an EMI filtering system designed to filter out electrical interference. This inlet also prevents any internally generated interference from feeding out to the power grid.

1. **Over Temperature Limit Control (OTL):** This limit device is a back up mechanical temperature thermostat wired into the temperature monitoring system to secure the incubator temperature is maintained in case of a failure in the main microprocessor temperature controller. This OTL is set by the incubator user. See Section 7-Setting the Over Temperature Limit Control Thermostat.
2. **Alarm Output Jack:** This contact connector allows a remote alarm to be connected to the unit.
3. **USB Port:** This is a standard USB computer connection port for logging unit performance of temperature and CO2 levels. [Click here](#) to download the data logging software available for this unit.
4. **Over Temperature Activated Light:** This green pilot lamp turns on whenever the Over Temperature Limit Thermostat has been activated and taken control of the heating element. During normal operating conditions this indicator should never be on.
5. **CO2 Sample Port:** Independently measure the CO2 content in the incubator chamber using this sample port.



FRONT CONTROL PANEL FEATURE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

- 1. Power Switch:** The I/O (ON/OFF) switch controls all of the power for the incubator and must be in the I/ON position before any systems are operational. Both temperature and CO2 displays will illuminate when the power switch is in the I/ON position.
- 2. Main Temperature Control:** This controller is marked "Set Temperature °C" and indicates the temperature within the chamber.
- 3. Heat Activated Light:** This green pilot lamp turns on when the elements are on and heating the chamber.
- 4. Main CO2 Control:** This controller is marked "Set CO2 %" and indicates the percentage of CO2 content within the chamber to 0.1%. NOTE: This display will become the countdown timer during the decontamination cycle.
CO2 Injecting Light: This green pilot lamp turns on when the CO2 controller is injecting CO2 into the chamber.
- 5. Decontamination Cycle Switch:** This is located on the right side of the control panel. It controls the high temperature decontamination cycle. The cycle will not start until the operation selector switch is pushed placing the unit in decontamination operation mode.
- 6. Operation Selector Switch:** This button is used to activate the high temperature decontamination cycle. The decontamination cycle cannot be started unless **operation selector switch** has been pushed placing the incubator in decontamination mode.



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7. Decontamination Control Panel Indicator Lights:

Decon Cycle Light: This amber colored light is located at the top of the three lights. It indicates when the unit is in the decontamination mode.

Decon Activated Light: This red colored light is between the normal operation indicator light and the decon cycle light. It indicates the unit is actively running a decontamination cycle.

Normal Operation Light: This green colored light is located at the bottom of the three lights. It indicates the unit is operating in the normal incubator mode.



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Operating the Controls: Refer to the Control Panel Overview of this manual for a list of terms used.

Power: Verify that your incoming electrical power supply is compatible with the electrical specifications on the incubator data plate. Do not use an incoming electrical power supply that will under power or over power the incubator. Doing so may cause damage to the incubator circuitry which will void the warranty.

Set the power switch to the I/ON position. If this is the first time your new incubator is being set up the temperature control and CO₂ control will function to the factory setting of temperature set at 37 C and CO₂ set to OFF. The Temperature Control will display the ambient chamber temperature and immediately begin to heat the incubator to the factory preset of 37 C. The green heating indicator light will illuminate and the temperature will begin to rise on the display. The CO₂ Control Display will initially show 20% CO₂ and begin counting down in varying increments to 0.1% CO₂, this is the offset reading for the factory preset at OFF. **NOTE: Operating temperature must be set, achieved, and calibrated before CO₂ connection and adjustments are made.** Leave the CO₂ setting in the OFF set point while bringing the incubator to your temperature set point.

Initial Control Settings: Each SHEL LAB CO₂ Incubator comes preset from the factory at 37C and the CO₂ set to off. You should allow the incubator to heat up and stabilize for 24 hours. *Turn the overtemperature control clockwise until it stops so that it does not activate during the initial warm up.*

Muting Audible Alarms: Powering the unit on prior to calibration may activate the built in alarm system. To mute the alarm hold EITHER the up or down button until the “mute” indicator activates.

Calibrating the Controls for Temperature or CO₂:

1. Push and hold *BOTH* the UP and DOWN buttons simultaneously for five (5) seconds.
 - a. If you are calibrating temperature, the Temperature Display panel will read “CO” and then blink.
 - b. If you are calibrating CO₂ Level, the CO₂ will read “CO” and then blink.
2. While the display is blinking use the UP and DOWN buttons to adjust the display to match the actual condition in the incubator chamber.
3. If no buttons are pressed within five (5) seconds the blinking will stop and the display will revert to showing the process or actual parameter within the incubator chamber.

Establishing Temperature Set Point: Your new incubator comes factory preset with a temperature set point of 37 C. If this is your desired set point there is no need to change anything and you can let the incubator heat to 37 C and skip ahead to *Calibrating Temperature*. To verify the temperature set point on your already employed incubator while it is operating pressing either the Up or DOWN arrow on the Temperature Display for an instant and release, the display will read SP for a moment and then flash the current set point for a few seconds and then go back to a constant display of the current chamber temperature.

Changing Temperature Set Point: Press either the Up or DOWN arrows on the Temperature Display for an instant and release, the display will read SP for a moment and then flash the current set point. While the set point is flashing use the UP or DOWN arrows on the Temperature Display to change the temperature to your desired set point. The temperature adjusts in 0.1 C increments. Once you have the temperature display set to your desired set point the display will flash the set point a few times and then change to a constant display of the current incubator chamber temperature reading. If the current reading is lower than your desired set point the incubator will be heating to your set point. Heating is indicated by the illumination of the green pilot light marked “*Heating Activated*” on the Temperature Control Section of the panel. You will soon see a rise in the Temperature Display. If the current reading is higher than your desired set point the incubator will sit idle until it cools to your set point. **TIP: To help cool the incubator open the door momentarily to release the heat in the incubator chamber.**



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Checking Temperature Settings: Perform the calibration in the following order:

Main Temperature Calibration -> Setting the Temperature -> Setting Over Temperature Safety.

1. During main temperature calibration do not open the inner glass door for any reason. Open the outer heated door as little as possible.
2. After the incubator has been running for 24 hours and the temperature display is stable at the set point, read the temperature in the chamber using a reference thermometer. If necessary, recalibrate the display.
3. After the main temperature display has stabilized again and maintained set point for several hours, check the actual temperature again. If it does not match the display repeat the calibration.
4. After the Main Temperature is set and adjusted, the Overtemperature Limit Control needs to be set.

Setting the Over Temperature Limit Control Thermostat: This should be done AFTER the main temperature control is set and the unit has stabilized. Raise the Set Point 1 degree above desired Set Point. After it has stabilized, turn the safety knob counterclockwise until the OTP Light illuminates. Then, return the Set Point back to the desired Set Point. This sets the Safety at 1°C above Set Point.

Setting the CO₂:

1. Push and release either the UP or DOWN button and the digital display will blink "SP" and then a number which is the setpoint.
2. While the display is blinking the set point can be changed using the UP or DOWN buttons.
3. If no buttons are pressed within five (5) seconds the blinking will stop and the display will revert to showing the process or actual parameter within the incubator chamber.

Humidification Preparation: Humidification of the incubator is achieved by evaporation of distilled water in the chamber using a Humidity Pan (#995-00015) filled with distilled water placed in the bottom of the incubator chamber. By allowing the distilled water to heat and evaporate near saturation humidity is achieved. Place the SL Copper Fixture (#5800529) under the clip in the Humidity Pan (#995-00015). The SL Copper Fixture in Humidity Pan (#995-00015) serves as an antimicrobial measure to reduce the ability of bacteria to grow in the water. Place Humidity Pan (995-00015) with attached Copper Fixture (#5800529) on the bottom inside of the incubator chamber. Fill the Humidity Pan (#995-00015) with distilled water. **NOTE: USE DISTILLED WATER ONLY.**

NOTICE: To ensure the proper operation, verify the accuracy of the temperature and CO₂ controls regularly. Temperature can be confirmed by using a thermometer inside of the chamber. CO₂ levels can be confirmed with the use of a Fyrite Gas Analyzer (#3350000) or other equipment such as a gas chromatograph. Failure to do so may damage the unit and void your warranty. Contact a SHEL LAB Technical Support at 1-800-322-4897 for questions. A 0-20% Gas Analyzer kit (#3350000), 0-7% Fyrite Gas Analyser Kit (#3350501), or handheld digital CO₂ Gas Analyzer (#8050506) can be purchased on the SHEL LAB website www.shellab.com or call Customer Service at 1-800-322-4897.



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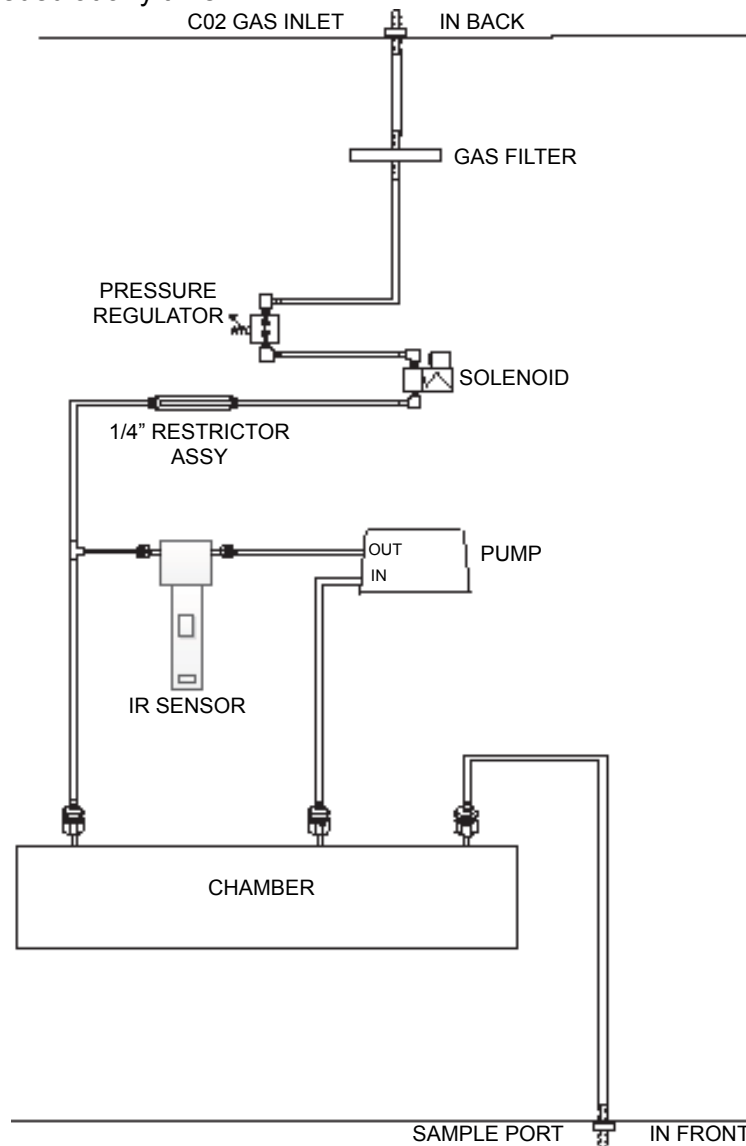
Humidity Levels in the Incubator: Humidification of the incubator chamber is achieved by evaporation of water from the chamber humidity pan placed in the bottom of the incubator. By filling this stainless steel reservoir pan with DISTILLED WATER ONLY and allowing this water supply to heat and evaporate, near saturation humidity is obtained.

NOTICE: Follow the Humidity Preparation precautions below. Failure to do so may damage the incubator and void your warranty.

- Use Distilled Water Only. DO NOT USE DEIONIZED WATER.
- Do not use plastic, glass or other metals as substitute humidity pans. Only 300 series stainless steel is acceptable for this reservoir pan.
- Do not use corrosive chemicals including copper sulfate or chlorine in the pan or chamber as damage to the interior may occur.
- Be aware that the use of disinfecting chemicals mixed in the distilled water can change the surface tension of the distilled water thus preventing the evaporation and proper humidification of the chamber. The distilled water in the pan should be changed and the pan cleaned at least once a week to help control contamination and maintain proper surface tension and evaporation. Keeping the SL Copper Fixture (#5800529) in the Humidity Pan will aid in reducing the spread of bacteria in the reservoir. See Routine Maintenance for further details.

Independent Temperature Monitoring: To insure the incubator when operating is at the desired temperature, an accurate independent temperature monitoring device is required such as a certified thermometer or a certified temperature indicator. Place a reference thermometer of your choice at the center just above the centermost shelf inside the incubator. Avoid having the thermometer touch the shelf as it may cause an inaccurate reading when touching the shelf. *TIP: Taping a thermometer to the top of a petri dish keeps the thermometer from touching the shelf, keeps it from rolling, and keeps the scale in view.* You may use a digital temperature display with a probe using the side access port on the incubator for placing the probe at the enter of the centermost shelf in the incubator. Be sure the sensor in the probe is just off the shelf for a reliable reading. Position the digital display in a convenient place where it will be easily visible outside the incubator. Digital thermometers with remote displays are idea because they can be read without opening the doors. Be sure your digital thermometer is rated for 95% relative humidity atmosphere.

CO₂ Supply System and Control System: The CO₂ system is rated for pressures between 15 to 20 PSI and should never be exceeded at any time.



Connecting CO₂ to the Incubator: The CO₂ inlet fitting is located at the back of the unit near the top (see above image). It is marked CO₂ TO CHAMBER.

A supply hose with in-line CO₂ filter (supplied with your accessories) connects from the fitting to a CO₂ tank and regulator.



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CO₂ Regulator Considerations: *Ensure that you are using a dual stage regulator.*

It is highly recommended that a good quality 0-40 PSI output range DUAL STAGE pressure regulator be used on the CO₂ tank. The dual stage regulator will have two pressure gauges. The high pressure gauge (0-4000 PSI) will indicate the pressure within the tank. The low pressure gauge (0-40 PSI) will indicate the output pressure on the supply hose to the incubator. Single stage regulators do not provide as stable performance as dual stage.

Reading & Understanding Your CO₂ Tank Levels: It is normal for the high pressure gauge on your regulator to start out reading 800 to 1000 PSI with a full tank. The reading will drop from 800 to 500 PSI quickly and will stay there for most of the duration of the tank. At the end of use, the pressure will drop quickly to zero to indicate that the tank is completely empty. Pure CO₂ is in a liquid state in the tank, and a constant vapor pressure is generated in the tank above the liquid level. The CO₂ is drawn off of the top as a gas. The same vapor pressure is maintained as long as any liquid is left in the tank. When the last of the liquid has evaporated into gas then the pressure will drop rapidly as the gas is drawn off.

NOTICE: Only medical grade CO₂ should be used in your incubator. Failure to do so may damage the unit and void your warranty.

Manufacturer's Recommendation for Monitoring CO₂ Levels: CO₂ sensors are factory calibrated and, under normal circumstances, need no calibration. It is recommended that the accuracy of your CO₂ control system be monitored by measuring the actual CO₂ concentration on a weekly basis with a Fyrite or other measuring device. This should be done when the chamber has not been opened for an extended period of time, i.e. after the weekend, and should only take 1-2 hours.

Setting the CO₂ Control: Attach the supply hose from the CO₂ tank to the incubator CO₂ inlet fitting and turn on the CO₂ supply. Set the CO₂ control to the desired set point using the up and down arrows (section 7 page 15). The CO₂ level comes from the factory preset to OFF.

Adjusting CO₂ Display: After the incubator has had several hours to stabilize at CO₂ set point, measure the actual CO₂% with a Fyrite. If there is any difference between the Fyrite and the display, use the procedure described in section 7 page 14 for calibrating CO₂. See Section 9 Page 19 (next page) for Fyrite use and instruction.

NOTE: When using the Fyrite, insure that gas is not being injected while the reading is being taken. Always change the CO₂ set point to 0.0 prior to taking the sample and change the set point back to the desired value after the use of the Fyrite is finished.

Using a FYRITE to Measure CO₂ Levels

A Bacharach FYRITE CO₂ Gas Analyzer is recommended to measure CO₂ concentrations in the incubator chamber. This test instrument is not supplied with the incubator but is readily available from your dealer. Follow the instructions provided with each Fyrite instrument carefully to ensure correct and accurate readings.

Fyrite Quick Overview

1. Press button on top of Fyrite canister to release CO₂ concentration. RELEASE BUTTON and tip canister to the side to ensure all fluid is released from the top of the canister. Return canister to the upright position.
2. Loosen screw on slide scale and align top of fluid with zero on the scale. Tighten screw.
3. Connect hose and aspirator bulb to unit being tested. The sample port for connection is located on the control panel.
4. Place the hose sampling cap directly over the plunger valve on top of the canister and depress firmly.
5. With button depressed, squeeze bulb 20 times. On the last squeeze and with bulb still deflated, release hose from button.
6. Turn Fyrite canister upside down 3 times, each time allowing all fluid to flow to the opposite end of the canister.
7. Tilt canister to the 45 degree position to ensure all fluid has been released from top of canister. Return canister to the upright position.
8. Read CO₂ concentration in %.



WARNING: The fluid used inside this fyrite instrument is poisonous and corrosive. If taken internally could result in serious injury or death. The fyrite indicator will come with a complete set of detailed instructions which should be followed carefully. In the event of a spill or accidental body contact with the fyrite fluid, follow the instructions on the refill bottle carefully.

MISE EN GARDE: Le liquide utilisé par cet instrument fyrite est toxique et corrosif. Son ingestion pourrait causer des blessures graves ou provoquer la mort. L'indicateur fyrite est livré avec un ensemble complet d'instructions détaillées à suivre attentivement. En cas de déversement du liquide fyrite ou contact accidentel avec le corps, suivez les instructions de la bouteille de recharge attentivement.

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Although this unit was run through a Decontamination Cycle after manufacturing, it is highly recommended that a Decontamination Cycle be run prior to using the unit. After following the cleaning procedure detailed on page 9, and all accessories have been cleaned and installed into the unit, begin the Decontamination Cycle using the following instructions:

1. To Activate Decontamination Cycle: Press and hold down the lower Operation Selector Switch until the green Normal Operation Light goes out and the amber Decontamination Cycle Light starts to flash.

NOTE: If neither Decontamination Cycle Switch nor Operation Selector Switch is depressed within one (1) minute, the amber Decon Cycle Light will go out and the green Normal Operation Light will come on.

2. To start the Decontamination Cycle, press and hold the Decontamination Cycle Button when the amber Decontamination Cycle Light is flashing. You will hear a thump of the door locking. The Door will remain locked until the unit has cooled down to 50°C at the END of the Cool down phase noted below.
3. During the warm up to decontamination temperature the amber Decontamination Cycle Light and the red Decontamination Activated Light will flash alternately.
4. At all times the Temperature Display will indicate the actual temperature within the incubator chamber. During the Decontamination Cycle warm up, the CO2 display will read “dEC” for Decontamination Cycle until the Chamber Temperature reaches 180°C. Under normal operating conditions, the Decon Cycle warm up to 180°C will take up to 1 ½ hours.
5. After the Chamber Temperature reaches 180°C, the CO2 display will switch to a count-down timer indicating the number of minutes remaining from 120 to 0. During the timed portion of the cycle, the red Decon Activated light and the amber Decontamination Cycle light will be continuously lit.
6. At the end of the two (2) hour 180°C Decontamination Period, the cool down portion of the Decontamination Cycle will automatically start.
7. During cool down cycle, the CO2 Display will read “CdN”. The amber Decontamination Cycle light and the green Normal Operation light will flash alternately indicating that the Decon Cycle has been successfully maintained at 180°C for two (2) hours and the unit is cooling down to normal incubation temperature. The door will remain latched until temperature reaches 50°C.
8. To go back into Normal Operation Mode, depress the lower Operation Selector Button and hold it down until the amber Decontamination activated light stops flashing and the green Normal Operation Light stays on solid.
9. If at any time during the Decon Cycle you wish to abort the Decon Cycle, press and hold down simultaneously both Operation Selector Buttons until the amber Decontamination Cycle Light stays on and the red Decontamination Activated Light stays off. If temperature is above set point, alarm will sound. See section 5 page 13 for alarm controls.

NOTE: DO NOT attempt to open door until deactivation is completed. Green flashing lights will indicate the door is unlocked and you will hear a distinct thump.



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The following chart covers the various meanings of the light displays during the unit's current operating condition.

Unit Condition and Relative Light Display

CONDITION	CO2 DISPLAY	AMBER	RED	GREEN
Normal Operation	% CO2	OFF	OFF	ON
Decon Operation Cycle Not Started	% CO2	FLASHING	OFF	OFF
Warming up to 180°C	dEC	Alternately Flashing	Alternately Flashing	OFF
Decon Cycle Run- ning at 180° C for 2	Countdown From 120 to 0 Min.	ON	ON	OFF
Cool Down to 50° C	Cdn	OFF	OFF	FLASHING
Decon Cycle Successful	PAS	OFF	OFF	FLASHING
Decon Cycle Manually Aborted	Ab	ON	OFF	OFF
Decon Cycle Failed	FL	ON	OFF	OFF



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Warning: Prior to any maintenance or service on this unit, disconnect the power cord from the power source. Before reattaching the unit to its power source, be sure all volatile and flammable cleaners are evaporated and dry.

Avertissement: Avant d'effectuer toute maintenance ou entretien de cet appareil, débrancher le cordon secteur de la source d'alimentation. Avant de reconnecter l'appareil sur le secteur, s'assurer que tous les produits de nettoyage volatiles et inflammables sont complètement évaporés.

Chamber Cleaning: Cleaning and decontamination are recommended on a regular basis. To prepare the incubator for cleaning remove all interior parts such as the shelf standards and false top. Please review the Cleaning procedures described in the Installation section for detailed instructions.

Monitor CO₂ Levels: Check CO₂ supply periodically; don't let it run out. Automatic tank switches and "empty tank" alarms are available from your dealer.

Keeping the CO₂ flow system free of impurities: Inconsistent levels of CO₂ control are usually traceable to the CO₂ pressure regulator on the tank, impurities in the tank, or impurities in the solenoid valve. Replace the CO₂ in-line filters every six (6) months or when the filters have become noticeably dirty on the upstream side. There is a CO₂ filter attached to the tubing kit, and one inside the shadow box connected to the GAS-IN line.

Microprocessor Controls: There is no maintenance required on any controls. If the controls fail to operate as specified, we recommend powering the unit down, waiting a 10 seconds and turning it back on. Contact customer service if this doesn't resolve the issue.

Proper Storage of Your SHEL LAB CO₂ Incubator: If the incubator is to be turned off for any length of time, dry the chamber and humidity pan thoroughly and leave at room temperature. Failure to do this may cause the interior to become contaminated. No adjustment to controls should be required when restarting the unit. If the unit is to be shut down for transport, remove humidity pan and shelves, dry the chamber and disconnect the CO₂ and power supplies. See section 5 pages 8-9 for lifting, handling, and transport procedures.

Temperature

Temperature too high

1. Controller set too high - [see section 7](#), Setting the Temperature
2. Controller failed on – call Customer Service.

Temperature too low

1. Over temperature too low – [see section 7](#), Setting the Over Temperature Limit
2. Controller set too low - [see section 7](#), Setting the Temperature
3. Unit has not recovered from power failure or being turned off - incubator needs to warm up and stabilize for 8 hours
4. Unit has not recovered from door opening - wait for the display to stop changing
5. Element Failure - see if the heating light is on and compare current draw to the data plate information
6. Controller failure - confirm with front panel lights that controller is calling for heat
7. Thermostat failure - confirm with front panel lights that Over Temperature is operating correctly

Unit will not heat over a temperature that is below set point

1. Confirm that the set point is set high enough - turn the Over Temperature Safety Control counterclockwise and see if HEATING or OVERTEMP lights are illuminated
2. Check the calibration - this can be done by using an independent, certified reference thermometer and by following the instructions in [section 7](#), Calibrating The Temperature

Unit does not heat up at all

1. Verify that controller is asking for heat by looking for HEATING light display - if pilot light is not on during the entire initial start up, there is a problem with the controller
2. Check amperage
3. Do all of the controller functions work? - if not contact Customer Service
4. Is the Over Temperature Thermostat set high enough? - For diagnostics, the Over Temperature Safety Control should be turned clockwise until it stops with the pilot light never on
5. Check to see if the fuse or circuit has blown

Chamber temperature unstable

1. +/- 0.1 is normal variance
2. Is the ambient room temperature radically changing? This could be a result of a number of things: Door opening too often, room airflow from heaters or air conditioning - stabilize ambient conditions
3. Calibration sensitivity - contact Customer Service
4. Over Temperature Thermostat is set too low - check if pilot light is on continuously. Turn controller knob completely clockwise to see if problem is solved, then follow instructions in [section 7](#) for setting Over Temperature Limit.

Unit will not maintain set point

1. Assure that set point is at least 5 degrees over ambient room temperature
2. See if ambient temperature is fluctuating. If so stabilize

Cannot adjust set points or calibration

1. Reset entire unit by turning off and then on. If happens repeatedly, contact Customer Service

CO₂ Level

Overshoots set point but stabilizes - display and fyrte match

1. Tank pressure is too high, [see section 8](#)
2. CO₂ sensor is partially plugged with dirt or condensation - contact Customer Service
3. Regulator is set wrong, [see section 8](#)
4. Pump filter partially plugged - contact Customer Service

Overshoots set point and continues to rise - display and fyrte match

1. Debris in solenoid causing it to leak continuously - contact Customer Service
2. Solenoid failed while open - contact Customer Service
3. Controller output failed or shorted - contact Customer Service
4. CO₂ sensor or interface failure - contact Customer Service
5. CO₂ sensor plugged by debris or condensation - contact Customer Service

Rises very slowly

1. Filter is too dirty or partially plugged - replace filter
2. Hose is kinked or leaking - repair or replace hoses
3. CO₂ tank regulator set too low - [see section 8](#)
4. Poor or faulty door seal - call customer service
5. CO₂ tank regulator turned off - turn on regulator

Never Rises

1. CO₂ filter plugged - replace CO₂ filters
2. CO₂ hose blocked - repair or replace hose
3. CO₂ tank empty - change tank
4. CO₂ controller output failed while open - contact Customer Service
5. Solenoid failed while closed - contact Customer Service
6. Set point is at 0.0 and has not been reset - [see section 7](#)
7. CO₂ tank regulator is not on - turn on regulator

If unstable - display or actual reading varies around set point

1. Door not sealing properly - check door seal
2. Defective tubing - check tubing and replace if necessary
3. Top of unit is exposed to cold air drafts - check the unit's position and move the unit to appropriate spot
4. Unit being operated without shadow box cover
5. Incubator is too heavily loaded

CO₂ Level Continued

Display and Fyrite reading do not match

1. Calibration error - [see section 7](#)
2. CO₂ sensor, interface, or controller failure - contact Customer Service

Set points or calibration is "locked up" and can not be adjusted

1. Turn unit off and on to reset processor in controller
2. If it happens repeatedly - contact Customer Service

Will not hold calibration - display stable but Fyrite reading varies

1. Top of unit exposed to cold air drafts
2. Unit is being operated without shadow box cover in place
3. Condensation collecting on CO₂ sensor
4. CO₂ sensor or interface failure
5. Unit is incorrectly calibrated - [see section 7](#)
6. Taking fyrite reading too soon after the door has been opened

Mechanical / Other

Door not sealing

1. Check physical condition of gasket
2. Confirm that door latch pulls door tightly
3. Assure gasket is in original location

Controller is on at all times and "locked up"

1. Turn unit off and on to reset. If condition on front panel can not be changed, call Customer Service

Front panel displays are all off

1. Make sure unit is plugged in, check fuse, power switch, and power supply

Unit or wall fuse/circuit breaker is blown

1. Check wall power source and see what other loads are on wall circuit

Unit will not turn on

1. Check power source - check fuse and circuit breaker on unit or in wall and check power switch

Contamination in chamber

1. See cleaning procedure in [Section 11](#). Develop and follow standard operating procedure for specific application: include cleaning technique and maintenance schedule



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Description (Listed Alphabetically)	Part Number for 120V	Part Number for 230V
Access Port Stopper	7750565	7750565
CO2 Display Board	1750819	1750819
CO2 Filter	2800525	2800525
Copper Fixture	5800529	5800529
Decontamination Cycle Display Board	1750820	1750820
Decontamination Temperature Limit Thermostat	1750759	1750759
Door Heater (Internal)	2350529	2350528
Door Switch (Stops CO2 from injecting when door is open)	7850578	7850578
Element Assembly	9570926	9570927
Air Jacket Circulating Fan Blade	2600502	2600502
Fan Motor	4880527	4880528
Fan Muffin 12vdc	1850515	1850515
Gasket, 8 Feet (seals against viewing door)	3450644	3450644
Glass Door Assembly	9521195	9521195
Humidity Pan with Copper Fixture	995-00015	995-00015
Digital IR CO2 Sensor	8320512	8320512
Leveling Feet	2700506	2700506
Main Control Board	1750821	1750821
Motor Cooling Fan Blade	2600545	2600545
Over Temperature Protection Thermostat	1750862	1750862
Outer Door Gasket	3450534	3450534
Power cord inlet fuse 12.5 amp 250v / 15amp 110v	3300520	3300516
Pilot Light, Red	4650553	4650553
Power Cord US 120v / EU 230v	1800510	1800500
Power Supply 12vdc	6750507	6750507
Power Switch	7850553	7850553
Pump Sampling	6700558	6700559
Recorder Jack	6900522	6900522
Shelf	5121109	5121109
Solenoid Valve 12vdc	8600560	8600560
Temperature Display Board	1750818	1750818
Temperature Probes	6600520	6600520
USB Interconnect Board	1750846	1750846



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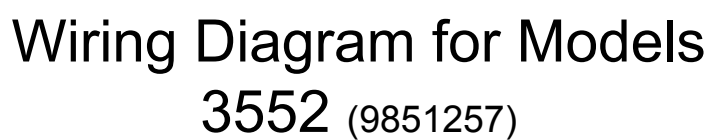
Model Number	Interior Dimensions W x D x H	Exterior Dimensions W x D x H	Chamber Capacity
3552 & 3552-2	20.5 x 20 x 25.25 (in) 51.44 x 20 x 25.25 (cm)	28.75 x 30.25x 39.25 (in) 73.03 x 76.64 x 99.70 (cm)	164 cubic liters

Model Number	Shipping Weight	Net Weight
3552 & 3552-2	275 lbs (127kg)	237 lbs (100 kg)

Model Number	Temperature Range	Control	Temperature Uniformity	CO ₂ Range
3552 & 3552-2	Ambient +5°C to 50°C	+/- 0.1°C	+/-0.25°C @ 37°C	0 - 20%

Decontamination Temperature is 180°C for 120 minutes.

Model Number	Amperage	Voltage	Hertz	Fuse
3552	12.0 Amp.	110-120 VAC	50/60 Hz	12.5 A
3552-2	6.0 Amp.	220-240 VAC	50/60 Hz	10.0 A



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